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INTRODUCTION

The Clarkson Family Papers, 1779-1947, are centered around T.A. Clarkson, who was involved with the fund-raising efforts for the statue of Sam Davis in Smyrna, Tennessee, in conjunction with the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad. The collection was given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. T.A. Clarkson, Jr., of Franklin, Tennessee. The collection consists of 335 items, including 135 photographs, and occupies 1.5 cubic feet of shelf space. Single photocopies of the unpublished writings in the Clarkson Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Clarkson Family Papers contain approximately 335 items, including 135 photographs, and span the years 1779-1947. The bulk of the collection covers the years 1868-1916. A large part of the collection centers on the fund-raising efforts to build a monument in the memory of Sam Davis, who was hanged at Pulaski, Tennessee, after being convicted as a spy for the Confederate Army. Some of the correspondence is addressed to and from Mr. T.A. Clarkson, who was associated with the Nashville and Decatur Railroad, and later with the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad.

Also included in the collection are various items associated with the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, such as programs, passes, an account book for the admissions department, memorabilia, charter and by-laws for the Centennial Exposition Company of Tennessee, and other items. Other subjects addressed in the collection are the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad, the John W. Thomas Monument at what is now Centennial Park, and the tributes paid to Major E. C. Lewis.

The collection also includes numerous photographs. There are photographs of the Christ Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee; the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee; The Hermitage in Hermitage, Tennessee; the statue of Andrew Jackson at the State Capitol; the summer home of Bishop E.E. Hoss; railroad scenes; scenes of Nashville; identified and unidentified individuals, as well as several miscellaneous photographs. The collection also holds several World War II service pins.

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